

Construction of Pagladiya Dam Project in Assam

1482. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Brahmaputra Board under his Ministry has reinitiated the process of construction of Pagladiya Dam Project in Assam despite strong objection placed by the people and organizations;

(b) if so, whether clearance has been obtained from Bodoland Territorial Council Authority, Assam, so far; and

(c) whether Government propose to take into account the public opinion also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Pagladiya Dam Project was sanctioned by the Government of India in 2001 and the Brahmaputra Board has taken up some works of the project. However, Zirat Survey for finalization of compensation package to the Project Affected People (PAP) by the Government of Assam could not be done due to opposition from a section of the PAP.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Brahmaputra Board and the District Administration authorities held several public meetings in the project area for sensitizing the local people about the benefits of the project and also eliciting public opinion. Public opinion is also taken through the representatives of the local bodies (Government/Non-Government) included in committees involved in project implementation.

Provision of Ravi water to Jammu and Kashmir

1483. SHRI T. S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water of river Ravi that was to be provided to Jammu and Kashmir State through Ravi-Tawi canal has not so far been done;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(c) by when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water of river Ravi that was to be provided to the State of Jammu & Kashmir by gravity through Ravi Canal from Shahpurkandi Dam has not been done so far. However, as per information received from the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, a part of the supply (about 300 cusecs against carrying capacity of 1150 cusecs) is available by lifting water from two lift stations at Basantpur and Lehhanpur constructed for the purpose.

(b) Non-completion of Shahpurkandi Dam Project is the reason for non-supply of Ravi water by gravity to Ravi Canal.

(c) As informed by Government of Punjab, work on the Shahpurkhandi Dam Project has started and is likely to be completed by the year 2012. As informed by Government of Jammu & Kashmir, thereafter the balance portion of about 2 km length of Ravi Canal (Gravity channel) from Basantpur to Shahpurkandi dam will be constructed.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 296 of the Income-tax Act, 1961:

S.O. 1287 (E) dated the 10th August, 2006, publishing the Income-tax (Ninth Amendment) Rules, 2006, together with Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

S.O. 1300 (E), dated the 11th August, 2006, publishing the Electronic Filing of Returns of Tax Deducted at Source (Amendment) Scheme, 2006, together with Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

S.O. 1301 (E), dated the 11th August, 2006, publishing the Electronic Filing of Returns of Tax Collected at Source (Amendment) Scheme, 2006, together with Explanatory Memorandum thereon.

S.O. 1532 (E), dated the 14th September, 2006, publishing the Income-tax (Tenth Amendment) Rules, 2006.